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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to an Office Action dated November 21, 2005, Applicant requests three months extension of time. Further, please amend the above identified application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 8 of this paper.

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